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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Lower Secondary Training Course.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. H. C. 390—23-24, dated 22nd May 1925 from the Inspector-General of Education, submitting proposals for (1) extending the Lower Secondary Training Course to two years, (2) revising the rates of allowances to substitutes for teachers undergoing the various grades of training, and (3) increasing the number of Graduate Teachers deputed every year for training from 6 to 12 and providing two stipends for the training of Graduate Teachers of Aided Schools.

2. Un-official Note No. 58, dated 28th April 1926, by the Inspector-General of Education on the same subject.

ORDER No. E. 655-56—EDN. 288-22-12, DATED 2ND AUGUST 1926.

The orders on the Education Memorandum contemplated, among other matters, the extension of the Lower Secondary Training Course from one to two years so that the teachers deputed for training may, in addition to receiving normal training improve their knowledge of the subjects to be taught. The Inspector-General now states that such extension is most urgently called for as the majority of teachers who go in for the Lower Secondary Examination with the idea of entering the teaching profession are men of very modest intellectual endowment and their general educational equipment is scanty and that it is therefore necessary to supplement their knowledge by a course of study in general subjects so as to develop their power of understanding and give them a grounding in subjects which they will be called upon to teach in the Primary Schools. He also proposes that the number of men and women teachers to be deputed for training in the Lower Secondary Training Class may be raised from 580 and 33 to 610 and 60 respectively distributed in both the

first and second year classes of the Lower Secondary Training Course, the number of teachers (both men and women) annually recruited being reduced from 613 to 335 and adds that with the longer course and a more effective training, a much larger proportion of candidates who undergo training may be expected to complete the same successfully, making little difference in the total number of candidates passing the Examination (the percentage of passes in the Lower Secondary Training Course being very low at present) but with considerable difference in the quality of teachers trained. The selection of teachers for the Lower Secondary Training during 1925-26 is reported to have been made on the basis of a two-years' course and both the first and second year classes will be at work during 1926-27.

2. With a view to meet the requirements of the two-years' course, the Inspector-General recommends that the staff of the Training College may be strengthened by two hands on Rs. 50—5—75 each (one for Kannada Section and one for Urdu Section) and the Maharani's High School and the Zanana Normal School, Mysore, by one hand each on Rs. 50—5—75 and that each of the six District Normal Schools be given a trained Graduate Assistant Master on Rs. 50—5—75 in lieu of an existing hand on Rs. 35, so as to improve the quality of teaching in the Schools.

3. In this connection, the Inspector-General also brings to notice that the rates of allowances now given to Training Substitutes are not fixed with reference to qualifications of the substitutes appointed but vary according to the grade of training to which the teachers in whose places they are entertained, are deputed. With a view to remove the inequality in the rates of allowances given to the several classes of Training Substitutes and to make the same uniform on the basis of their qualifications (which is generally a pass in the Mysore Lower Secondary Examination), the Inspector-General proposes that the allowances and stipends payable to the substitutes and private candidates may be revised as indicated below:—

			Rs.
(1)	For those who have passed English Lower Secondary Examination	Men	14
		Women	15
(2)	For those who have passed Vernacular Lower Secondary Examination	Men	13
		Women	14
(3)	For unpassed candidates appointed in special cases	Men	11
		Women	12
(4)	For private candidates to the Lower Secondary Training and Upper Secondary Classes	Men	11
		Women	12

The grants at the existing rate to teachers of Aided Schools are proposed to be continued and made tenable for 22 months (excluding the second vacation), calculation being made for an average of 11 months each year.

4. On a careful consideration of the proposals, Government are pleased to direct that the Lower Secondary Training Course be extended to two years and to approve of the action of the Inspector-General in having made the selection of teachers for the training during 1925-26 on the basis of a two-years' course. The increase in the number of teachers to be deputed for training (both the classes taken together), the extra staff proposed for the several institutions and the revision of the rates of allowances and stipends are also sanctioned. The increase in the number of Graduate Teachers to be deputed for training every year from 6 to 12 (including one Lady Graduate) is also approved for a period of five years from 1926-27.

5. As regards the question of making provision for the training of two Graduate Teachers of Aided Schools, no further orders are called for, as Government have in their Order No. E. 6562-53—Edn. 15-24-17, dated 4th June 1926, sanctioned the training of at least two teachers of Aided High Schools every year for a period of three years from 1926-27.

6. The extra cost on account of the proposals herein sanctioned amounting to Rs. 24,310 as detailed in the statements appended, will be met from the provision of Rs. 50,000 for additional requirements in the budget of the Education Department for the current year.

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